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Garrison Case Figure Released Without Bail

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Edgar Eugene Bradley, accused of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, was free today on his promise to appear in court Jan. 29 for extradition proceedings.

Bradley was released on his own recognizance without being required to post bail following his arraignment yesterday in municipal court in connection with a Louisiana warrant requested by Jim Garrison, New Orleans district attorney.

George J. Jensen, Bradley's attorney, has vowed to fight extradition "tooth and nail." He

said he has asked for a "full-fledged extradition hearing" in Sacramento on the assumption Louisiana would request Bradley's presence in New Orleans for a trial.

The final decision on whether Bradley would be extradited to New Orleans rests with Gov. Ronald Reagan.

No Objections Voiced

Bradley, 49, West Coast representative of a radio evangelist, the Rev. Carl McIntire, made a Sheriff Peter Pitches and was pre-arranged surrender before then arraigned before Municipal Judge David J. Aisensohn.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Joseph Carr told the judge his office did not object to releasing Bradley without bail because there were no indications he would attempt to flee. He noted Bradley has lived in the same home in Suburban North Hollywood since 1941.

Bradley has steadfastly maintained his innocence of the charge of "criminal conspiracy to murder" President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

Bradley says the only time he ever has been in Dallas was last spring on a vacation trip. On the day of the assassination, Bradley said he was on a bus en route to El Paso, Tex., on a business trip for Dr. McIntire.

Defended by McIntire

In a talk taped for broadcast tomorrow on radio stations throughout the nation McIntire defended Bradley and said the charges were "irresponsible and unsupportable."

He said it may be a case of mistaken identity. He also asserted that the Communist party had been trying to blame conservative groups such as his for the Kennedy assassination.

McIntire said, "We have run into a storm. We do not believe he's guilty of any of the charges. I understand Bradley in all my association with him to be a fine Christian gentleman and a hard worker."

Bradley has been employed by McIntire since 1962, he said.